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SUBJECT: VELASCO ASKS PINOCHET TO SPARE CORVALAN

1. LIMA PRESS REPORTS PROMINENTLY THAT GENERAL VELASCO HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO GENERAL PINOCHET ASKING THAT LUIS CORVALAN'S LIFE BE SPARED. EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF VELASCO MESSAGE FOLLOWS: "MOTIVATED BY HUMANIST IDEALS WHICH FORM THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OVER WHICH I PRESIDE I ASK YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE TO RESPECT THE LIFE OF MR. LUIS CORVALAN AND OTHER DETAINEES WHO WILL BE TRIED FOR THEIR POLITICAL IDEAS. RECEIVE ASSURANCES OF MY MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION."

2. THIS MESSAGE WILL PRESUMABLY BE BOTH UNWELCOME AND IRRITATING TO PINOCHET WHO IS NO DOUBT AWARE OF THE LONG-TIME VELASCO-ALLENDE FRIENDSHIP. SOME ANTI-GOP PERUVIANS POINT OUT THAT VELASCO SHOULD NOT PREACH BECAUSE HE HAS JUST VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS OF SEVEN PERUVIAN OPPONENTS BY DEPORTING THEM. ON THE OTHER HAND, VELASCO SUPPORTERS CAN ASSERT THAT PERUVIAN MILITARY DEAL MORE GENTLY WITH THEIR OPPONENTS THAN DO CHILE'S LEADERS.

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